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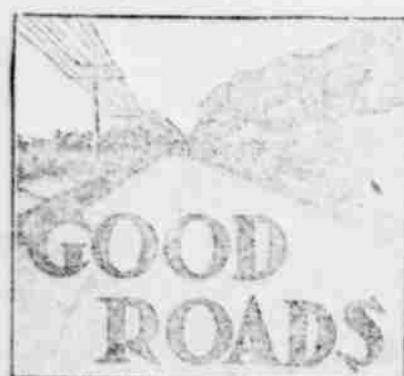
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WORKING FOR BETTER ROADS

Movement Everywhere Growing Apace
is Necessary for Improvement
Becomes More Apparent.

Gen. HOWARD H. GROSSMAN

The movement for good roads is everywhere growing space. The agitation for better highways is reaching every nook and corner of the land.

The necessity for this improvement becomes more and more apparent as we progress along our various lines of activity. A very little investigation will convince anyone that more than one-half the money that is raised for good roads is absolutely wasted by unskilled work, negligence and costly supervision and by doing the work at the end of the right thing, or doing it half done at the wrong time of the year.

Among the significant agencies for better highways in the central west is the proposition to have one man thoroughly skilled in the art of road building and maintenance, who shall be well paid and who shall give his whole time to the care of the roads in his county. In large counties he would have one or more assistants. This certainly is a valuable idea, especially and ought to give better results. As it is today, under the hit-and-miss proposition, those who are informed will agree that practically one-half the money raised is wasted by ill-trained and unskilled work. Hence the logical suggestion is first to expand wisely the money that is now being raised, to the end that we will have something to show for the expenditure, and second, that the highways shall show an improvement from year to year.

The care and maintenance of the road must not be placed upon the farmer for the roads. Attention at

DETENTION ROOM FOR PESTS

Method Adopted by Government for Excluding Entry of Bugs Injurious to Farm Crops.

Experience has taught the officials of our national government the advisability of guarding against the possible invasion of injurious or undesirable plants and animals. Well meaning but carelessly inclined friends living abroad send home specimens of beautiful or peculiar plants or flowers, strange and unusual insects, small animals and pets, and so forth, not knowing that they are aiding in the spread of what may be extremely harmful pest. Often, too, "seed" of some variety of fruit or vegetable is sent to home friends for planting which contains the eggs of some insect pest or the germs of a disease which may sweep away thousands of dollars' worth of valuable homegrown plants or trees.

To prevent any of these disasters the government has provided a "quarantine room," to which all specimens living or dead and preserved, must first go for thorough microscopic inspection before being passed on to the recipient, says the New York Independent. The first shipment received after the establishment of this room was a lot of potatoes from the Andes of South America. They were found to be thoroughly infected with a small brown bug harmful enough to have created an endless amount of mischief among the potato interests of this country had they been allowed to enter unobserved.

The inspection room is carefully prepared to prevent the escape of microscopic germs. It is simply a glass enclosed cage about eight by twelve feet, placed in one of the regular office rooms in the department of agriculture, and is absolutely bug proof.

VALUE OF BAGGING GRAPES

Serves to Exclude Both Fungus Germs and Insects Both of Which Pests Destroy Whole Crops.

When grapes are bagged at an early stage there is hardly any work in the fruit line that pays better. It practically assures a perfect bunch. The time to bag them is just as soon as the flowering assures a perfect bunch. The time to bag them is just as the flowering is over. Many insects and blights are not long in finding out a bunch of grapes, and though weak or two after flowering would

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